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Digitization of Literary Works
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has maintained the record of all the books and literary works edited and published by various Indian and Foreign scholars during pre-Independence era; and

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to digitize all the ancient books and literary works listed till date and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING {COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) Yes, Sir. The National Library of India under Ministry of Culture has record of major books and literary works edited and published by various Indian and foreign scholars during pre-Independence era. In 1867, the Government of India passed an Act, namely, Press & Registration of Books Act. Under this Act Kolkata Public Library used to receive a copy of all the books published. Most of the catalogues of books published by Imperial Library are available in the National Library, Kolkata.

(b) The National Library of India has already taken up a project of digitization of old and rare Indian books published prior to 1930.

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